

USA JUDO
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2012 Paralympic Games
February 12, 2010

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

Athletes must be a citizen of the United States at the time of nomination and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2012 Paralympic Games.

In order to be eligible to compete in the 2012 Senior National Championships, an athlete shall meet the IBSA Citizenship eligibility requirements prior to commencement of the 2012 Senior National Championships

<http://www.ibsa.es/eng/deportes/judo/IBSAJudoRules2009-2013English.doc>.

2. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

Athletes must

- Have competed in at least one international IBSA Judo competition between January 1, 2010 and January 31, 2012; and
- Be internationally classified with either a 'Review' or 'Confirmed' sport class status.
http://www.ibsa.es/docinteres/PROCEDIMIENTOSDEDEPARTAMENTOMEDICO/IBSAMedicalProcedures_eng.doc.
- Hold a minimum of a current USA Judo brown belt ranking.

3. Other requirements (if any):

Athletes must be a member in good standing of USA Judo.

B. Tryout Events:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.



2012 Senior National Championships, May 2012 location to be announced at least 45 days prior to event and will be posted on www.usjudo.org.

2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the trials, events or camps listed above in B. 1 (if any).

Qualification slots will be allocated to the United States based on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List posted on <http://www.ibsa.es/eng/noticias>.

The top (10) ranked male athletes on the IBSA Judo Male World Ranking List in each weight category closing December 31, 2011, will attain a qualification slot for USA Judo in the corresponding weight category.

The top (6) ranked female athletes on the IBSA Judo Female World Ranking List in each weight category closing December 31, 2011, will attain a qualification slot for USA Judo in the corresponding weight category.

Any qualification slots allocated to an NPC that are not used will be reallocated to the highest ranked and not otherwise qualified athlete in the corresponding weight category on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List closing on December 31, 2011.

- C. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (including maximum Team size).

The maximum team size is eleven (11). USA Judo may be allocated a maximum of six (6) slots for men’s weight categories and five (5) slots for women’s weight categories. A maximum of one (1) athlete is eligible per individual weight category. Qualification slots to 2012 Paralympic Games will be determined by the IBSA Judo World Ranking List. Athletes may only enter in weight categories in which they have achieved a qualification slot. The weight categories are: Men (60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100kg, and 100+kg); Women (48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, 70+kg).

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC not to the individual athlete.



The 2012 Senior National Championships shall serve as the selection event for the USA Judo Paralympic Team to the 2012 Paralympic Games. The 2012 Senior National Championships will be held May, 2012. Athletes may download the entry packet and register on-line for the 2012 Senior National Championships at www.usjudo.org.

Athletes attending the 2012 Senior National Championships shall be seeded according to the established USA Judo seeding protocol which can be found at www.usjudo.org. If the #1 seed, in any weight category, wins the 2012 Senior National Championships he/she shall be the athlete selected in that weight category of competition. If the #1 seed does not win the 2012 Senior National Championships, then the #1 seed athlete and the winner of the 2012 Senior National Championships shall then engage in a best of three fight-off. The winner of that fight-off shall be the athlete selected for that category of competition. The loser of that fight-off will be selected as the replacement athlete.

In weight categories where fight-offs are needed, these matches will take place immediately following the completion of all gold medal matches during the same day's competition.

All athletes have a maximum of 48 hours from the naming of the Paralympic Team to accept or decline their position.

The replacement pool will be:

1. The second place finisher of the fight-off at the 2012 Senior National Championships.
2. In any weight categories where there is no fight-off at the 2012 Senior National Championships the highest ranked athlete according to the Senior Classification/Point Roster at the close of the 2012 Senior National Championships who competed at the 2012 Senior National Championships will be the replacement.

- D. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the names and titles of the current members.

Ed Liddie

High Performance Director

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)



- A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):
N/A
- B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):
N/A
- C. Discretionary Selection Committee
Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members currently serving on the committee and their titles:
N/A

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, USA Judo has jurisdiction over potential nominees.
An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Judo may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Judo:
- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USA Judo's CEO/Executive Director.
 - Injury or illness as certified by an approved USA Judo physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USA Judo physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
 - Violation of USA Judo's Code of Conduct (Attachment A).
- An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Judo Constitution and Bylaws Article 14 or by USOC Bylaws, Section 9.
- B. After acceptance of nominations by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team under the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures. This occurs no earlier than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Games (unless expressly waived by the USOC).

A Team member who is accepted by the USOC is subject to the USOC



Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

- C. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

The replacement pool will be:

1. The second place finisher of the fight-off at the 2012 Senior National Championships.
2. In any weight categories where there is no fight-off at the 2012 Senior National Championships the highest ranked athlete according to the Senior Classification/Point Roster at the close of the 2012 Senior National Championships who competed at the 2012 Senior National Championships will be the replacement.

- B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:

- i. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

Same as IV(A).

- ii. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

Same as IV(A).

- C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

- i. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

N/A

- ii. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the Team:



a. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

N/A

b. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

N/A

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Judo will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Paralympic Games and are included as attachments:

USA Judo Code of Conduct (Attachment "A")

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USA Judo in the following locations and will include the USOC approval date:

A. NGB/PSO Web site: www.usjudo.org
These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

B. NGB/PSO Official Publication (if any):

N/A

C. Other:

N/A

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION



The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before June 18, 2012.

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

No mandatory training is planned at this time. If mandatory training is added, athletes will be notified at least 30 days prior to each training.

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IBSA, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IBSA, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Jose Rodriguez	USA Judo Executive Director
Ed Liddie	USA Judo High Performance Director
Reno Reser	Athlete Advisory Council

XII. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Judo Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.usjudo.org/organization.asp> (Article 14)

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and IBSA rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and IBSA rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Judo. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.



If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Judo may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, John W. Ruger, by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XV. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF and/or CF (PAG only), if applicable, standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Judo.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB/PSO President or CEO/Executive Director	Jose Rodriguez		
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Ed Liddie		
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Reno Reser		

*If USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

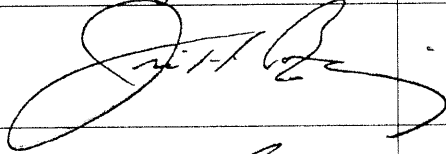


*Signature by the AAC Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures and certifies that the Selection Procedures submitted represent the method approved by the NGB/PSO. If the AAC Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team or U.S. Paralympics representative.



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Attachment A

USA Judo Code of Conduct

ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Judo Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of the 2012 Olympic Team (the “Team”). I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my selection to the 2012 Olympic Team.

As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that I:

- will abide by all rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by USA Judo;
- have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- will not commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or the International Judo Federation (IJF) rules;
- am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;
- will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- am eligible to compete under the rules of IJF;
- will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;



- will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- will follow my Team's rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew and required attendance at team meetings;
- am aware that USA Judo sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and, in recognition of this fact, I will wear designated USA Judo apparel at all official Team functions and events;
- will not conceal or cover-up any USA Judo sponsor, supplier or licensee brand or other identification appearing on my USA Judo apparel;
- agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Judo under conditions authorized by USA Judo and give event organizers and USA Judo the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USA Judo or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission;
- will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my USA Judo apparel or equipment or the use of the USA Judo logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of the USA Judo (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld);
- will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, USA Judo and the United States; and
- will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement.

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman,
toll free at 888.ATHLETE (888.284.5383) or John.Ruger@usoc.org
for further information regarding my rights under this Code
that are not answered by USA Judo.



PARTICIPANTS' AFFIRMATION

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the Team.

Signature

Date

NGB Name

Sport

<p>PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION (For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)</p>

Signature

Date

Relationship (Parent or Guardian)